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AN ARTIST'S RAMBLES IN CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

AULA SANCTI PETRI.
MDCCCXC.



MR. F. H.

The first of the series by Mr. R. U. popular meeting in the hall at the market-road presided, and capacity by the Chairman, Mr. FitzC. introduced. Mr. FitzC. applause, I that their that on his to meet their they had had they did the times in the honoured the Chairman, and they all had was certain [Hear, hear, it stood no peace. The themselves, present men all questions the Borough exceptional face would be and of surprise to the great Foresters (and which he was he hoped in then they had the Rural Society) It was an should show on this occasion that Cambridge to the Agricultural point out, that in this Radicals and who had been in the Borough for they should great political and he could bridge would preserving "town. [Loud that, it was sent him to the It was pretty duty, and all members more than the for the old and educated stranger, he much a Cambridge was, and they The eight years hairs off his brains. This added a great [cheers], and gain still further would no long House of Commons like to hear a take the last 1893, and the He never left voted upon any Bill, doing the Parliament to the mandate desired. [Cl believed to be particular contrary to the interests of they stuck to they had a sh again, and in hear.] What Government every sense



WILBURTON CHURCH
and south porch - showing parvise.

WILBURTON.

South Porch.



Wilburton is a picturesque village situate between Stretham and Haddenham, on the road from Stretham to St. Ives. It contains several features of interest. In the centre of the village is St. Peter's Hall, a red brick building, with quaint gabled windows and leaded lights. On the end of the building facing the street are the following inscriptions:—"Aula, Sancti, Petri. MDCCCXC." and beneath it the injunction, "Fear God and Honour the King." "For he that will love life, and have good days, let him restrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile." The Church is picturesquely placed in the west end of the village, and stands in a commanding position on a piece of ground surrounded by roads, which isolate it. The porch has a large "parvise," or priest's room, over it. Rooms of this kind have at various times been used for different purposes. In early days the priest used them. Later the sexton or parish clerk lived in them (some have fireplaces) and watched the churchyard, but now they have mostly degenerated into mere lumber rooms. There is a good rood-screen in the church, and the roof is rich Perpendicular work (after St. Mary's, Cambridge, style). The staircase to the Parvise branches off from the turret staircase.

[Next week's Sketches will be a Portrait of the Mayor of Cambridge and his Residence.]

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Mike Petty, Stretham

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1893 11 18

Wilburton Church & St Peter's Hall – 'Artist's Rambles' feature in Cambridge Express

1894 02 10

Stone in wall of burial ground – 'Artist's Rambles' feature in Cambridge Express

1900 02 26

A rare occurrence took place at Wilburton a few days ago. A cow belonging to Mr George Sharp, a small farmer, gave birth to five calves. The new arrivals, which are somewhat below the normal size, are all alive and well. The same cow had twins 18 months ago.

1900 08 04

The annual report on the maintenance of main roads and footpaths in the Isle of Ely shows that the paths at Wilburton have been kerbed with blue Staffordshire kerbing & made up with gravel.

1902 11 05

Albert Pell of Wilburton Manor accused the land tax collector for the parish of Wentworth of wrongful seizure by distress of three lambs for land tax. He was the owner of about 1,000 acres in Wilburton and in 1900 had purchased two fields in Grunty Fen. He did not see how the land could be assessed for land tax in the parish of Wentworth. The defendant had come on to his land and taken away three lambs which had been sold by auction for £2 14s. But the judge found the land in question was properly comprised in the parish of Wentworth land had been taxed for over 100 years.

1903 01 02

Ely Rural Council's surveyor prepared a plan of the Grunty Fen road showing the proposed building at Wilburton station by the G.E.R. Company. Mr Pell said it was a one-storey building and the man was frequently complaining of the dampness of the house. It would be better if the Company would run up a second storey. It was going to be a very expensive matter to force them to remove the building. They agreed to withdrawn their opposition provided the Railway Company undertook they would not further advance their buildings to the south-west corner of the station.

1903 01 23

Ely court heard that an eleven year old boy was employed to ride a horse attached to a machine which was cutting beans in a field in Grunty Fen when another lad fire a gun at some rabbits. This frightened the horse and the boy was thrown upon the knives, which cut off his left arm and two fingers of his right hand. There was a considerable argument as to the wages for a boy of 11 years; he had earned 1s.6d. the day before for driving cows whilst 2s. a day was a harvest wage, and not the standard wage. Compensation was fixed at 3s. a week as long as he was incapacitated.

1903 02 27

Wilburton Parish Council drew attention to the ruinous condition of Twentypence Ferry Drawbridge, the owner of the bridge refusing to do any repairs to it. They think it desirable that a permanent bridge be put up. But it was a public road on one side of the ferry and a private one on the other. It was not a connection between two public roads. Wentworth people again recommended that the well at the end of the village should be deepened to the extent of 15 ft. But pumping machine would then be required and the water would have to be filtered before it was used for drinking purposes. People were willing to pay the money. Samples of water from both wells in the village had been condemned for drinking purposes

1903 06 03

Ely court heard an interesting case relating to Grunty Fen which arose out of an agreement with respect to cutting corn. James Howard had a horse and man and William Driver had a machine for cutting wheat and they came to an agreement that they would first cut Howard's crop and afterwards Driver's. Driver's son employed an 11-year-old boy to ride the foremost horse but it became restive and the poor lad was thrown and received injuries

1903 08 14

Ely Council considered the site for a small-pox hospital, a temporary building of wood and iron; they agreed to hire 22 acres of land in Grunty Fen, two miles from any village. A case of smallpox had occurred at Wilburton after somebody was allowed to come from a house at Cambridge where the disease existed. None of them were safe if that sort of thing could occur. Dr Anningson said there was another possible cause but did not speak in a tone that could be heard by the reporter.

1906 04 12

Everitt accident – 06 04 12a-c1906

1906 09 13

A number of cases of sacrilege have been reported and with so many vagrants on the road churchwardens should keep a sharp eye on those who enter. Two brass vases have been stolen from Arrington and another from Hatley St George. At Wilburton thieves carried off two brass candlesticks and smashed the contributions box, stealing five shillings. Next day the alms box at Haddenham was tampered with but the contents, which consisted of twopence, was not touched. 06 09 13

1907 02 01

Within three miles of Witcham Gravel is another unique parish, that of Grunty Fen. It contains a population of 74, boasts of two railway stations, but has neither church, school, post office nor shop. The clergy of Stretham and Wilburton voluntarily minister to the spiritual needs as it is not within the limits of any ecclesiastical parish. 07 02 01b

1908 11 02

An inquest heard that the landlord of the Chequers, Wilburton, had served in the army and retired with the rank of Quarter-Master Sergeant. He had a substantial pension but had worried about his brewer's bill for £27 which seemed to prey on his mind. He kept taking it from his pocket and reading it over and over again. David Wadlow, labourer, said he had opened the yard gates so the publican could enter with his horse and cart. He did not say the man was sober. William Haylock later found him lying in the yard and sent for Dr Howe 08 11 20 p2

1911 04 21

Edward Peters, veterinary surgeon from Haddenham claimed damages from A.J. Pell of Wilburton Manor, (chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions) in respect of a collision at Witcham Toll. Peters had been sitting in his cart outside the Horse and Gate when his dog ran in front of a motor driven by Pell and got entangled between the bonnet and the off side wheel. The vehicle swerved and collided with the cart, carrying it 60 yards and throwing out Mr Peters who was injured. Other motorists said the dog has also chased their vehicles and the case was dismissed. 11 04 21

1913 01 10

Wilburton Hudsons, general smiths, entertain employees of Haddenham, Wilburton & Stretham to supper

1913 01 17

Haddenham. Wilburton Plough Monday

1913 05 16

The housing situation was in a serious state, councillors were told. Some people wanted to get married, but there were no homes for them. In Wilburton there were three families living in two-roomed cottages. Some dwelling houses in Downham parish were so bad that the people suffered through living in them. But Mr Darby said that one old parishioner had suffered so much at the Hundred Foot Bank through living in a cottage having one only room down and one up, that he reached the age of 96, and his wife, who was still living, was now 94. 13 05 16 p11 CIP

1914 09 25

Pell commission, Wilburton

1914 10 09

Military roads - Stretham to Soham, one of four to allow different armies to move from west to east at same time without going through Cambridge. The first from Potton through Harston to Whittlesford and Pampisford and on to London Road near Hildersham. Sinuous road through Grantchester and Trumpington on to Cherry Hinton and Fulbourn and away on the Newmarket Road. Another down Huntingdon Road, across Midsummer Common and along Newmarket Road. Huntingdon, Wilburton & Stretham where new road would start. Newmarket RDC to make and improve road from Cam through Wicken. At one point there was a green track where the whole of the road would be constructed. At Wicken there was another piece of road about eight feet wide where flint would need to be pressed in. Through Wicken the road was a good second class decent road.

1914 11 06

Wilburton enlistment – Alsop, Sharp, Sulman

1914 12 18

Wilburton – Hudson's contract horseshoes

Wilburton – Christmas gifts for front

1916 08 30

Death of Major A. J. Pell. The death occurred suddenly on Monday at Tattenham, near Chester, where he was officiating as instructor of musketry, of Major Albert Julian Pell, J.P., of Wilburton Manor. Major Pell had a long record of public service in the County and the Isle of Ely, in which he had resided since 1891. At the time of his death he was holding the office of chairman of the Isle of Ely Quarter Sessions, vice-chairman of the County Council of the Isle of Ely, chairman of the Fulbourn Asylum Visitors, chairman of the Haddenham Level Commissioners, chair of the Grunty Fen Drainage Committee, chairman of the General Committee of the Governors of Addenbrooke's Hospital, vice-chairman of the Territorial Force Association, a Deputy Lieutenant of the County and Lord of the Manor of Wilburton. He was High Sheriff in 1909. He was called to the Bar of Lincoln's Inn in 1890.

1922 06 14

The "pros and cons" of a proposed joint water scheme were reviewed at a public inquiry convened by the Ministry of Health held at Ely. Mr H.J. Martin explained that for the most part the inhabitants of Littleport drank water from the River Ouse. Mr A.K. Campbell put in an analyst's report to the effect that water from the Ouse taken four miles south of Littleport was polluted with sewage and was unfit for drinking purposes. Mr T. Peake: "I would like to remind you that Ely City empties its sewage into the waters which Littleport has to drink; also that last year the rivers were absolutely unfit for drinking purposes - they were stagnant and putrid". A feature of the enquiry was the stout opposition put up by the parishes of Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham and Little Downham. A solitary supporter from Stretham explained that he did not attend a public meeting there - which was unanimous against the scheme - because had he done so he would probably have been "crucified"

1925 07 22

The annual show held under the auspices of the Wilburton Women's Institute and village took place at St Peter's Hall. "Without a doubt the finest show ever held in Wilburton" was the remark made by the horticultural judge. Here were staged some of the finest specimens the district could produce. Some fine black currants were exhibited by Mr J. Sneesby, Mr W. Norfolk swept the board with some perfect tomatoes & Mrs Healey Wilson had a mauve colour table decoration which claimed first prize.

1927 02 19

Ely Rural District Council have offered the County Council part of a field in the parish of Stretham if they are prepared to construct a new road across it connecting the road from Wilburton to Stretham with the Cambridge Road. It would be a main road, 60 feet wide and the Ministry of Transport would make a grant of 50%. The Surveyor said there had been an alarming increase in road traffic during the winter months with a consequent increase of damage to the roads.

1927 10 19

The Ely coroner sat for four hours at the Red Lion, Stretham to inquire into the death of two men who met with a tragic end whilst motor cycling to their homes. The constable at Wilburton said he had received complaints respecting a motor lorry stationary on the Wilburton Road. He made an examination of the rear lamp, which was not alight so he obtained some oil and lit the lamp. Mr Warren later asked for permission to go and put some lights on it. Dr Charles Howe of Haddenham said he received a telephone message that two men had run into a stationary lorry and found the bodies lying on the grass beside the road.

1927 10 21 ES

Wilburton fatality inquest, Stretham P.c. Saberton questioned – 27 10 21 & (2) ES

Ely Rural Water Extension to Stretham, Haddenham, Wilburton and Lt Thetford ... 'a monstrous proposition'. They could not afford to bring Grunty Fen in – it was the most badly-off place in the district. Having regard to the present great depression in agriculture and the difficulty in collecting the present rates, they should not proceed. – 27 10 21(4)&(5)

1927 10 28

Chesterton RDC considered the proposed erection of a bridge at Twenty-man's Ferry, near Cottenham. An application was received from Wilburton parish council that the bridge should be erected and the road be put in good repair. It would relieve the traffic from the Ely main road and relieve the congestion which was very acute on that road. They ought to get the feelings of the Cottenham people; the bridge would be a bigger benefit to them more than anybody else.

1927 12 30 ES

Snow: Wilburton Road closed to traffic, Military Road impassable, Old West River frozen bank to bank – 27 12 30 ES

1928 01 23

Ald L. Tebbutt objected to proposals for a bridge over the Old West River at Twentypence Ferry. Cottenham would be linked to two villages in the Isle of Ely – Wilburton and Haddenham, but he did not see that even Cottenham had very great interest in the matter. It was a very awkward road from Cottenham to Cambridge through Histon. There were so many corners at Histon – it was one of the worst places in the country. If they spent the money in putting Histon straight it would be of much greater benefit.

1928 03 30

Owners of land served by Twentypence Road, Cottenham agreed to offer the sum of 30s. per acre as their share towards the cost of making the road a public highway as part of a scheme to make a through route to the Isle of Ely. The Isle of Ely & Cambridgeshire County Councils are considering the erection of a bridge at Twentypence Ferry.

1928 06 30

The proposed Twentypence Ferry Bridge would cost £8,000 and the road £9,300. The Government Road Board would give 75% and the chief landowners £1,500. Then there was the road from the church to the Jolly Waterman which would have to be brought up to second-class standard. It might seem a large amount but it would relieve some of the traffic from the Ely to Cambridge road. But was the District Council wise in incurring a debt of £2,000 when in six months time they might cease to be a road authority as the County Council was going to take over all the roads.

1928 07 04

A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest into the Rev Henry Atkinson, vicar of Wilburton who died from the effects of injuries received in a collision with a motor car. The Vicar was accustomed to riding a bicycle and was going to fetch some hymn books for a Guild meeting. The driver said he saw a man on a bicycle with a leather Gladstone bag on the handlebars; he seemed to lose control and it went across in front of him. The jury expressed the opinion that a high

hedge which obscured the view near the entrance to the Vicarage drive should be cut down to a reasonable height.

1928 07 06 ES

Wilburton vicar's tragic death – hit by car outside vicarage – 28 07 06 &(3) ES

1928 07 18

An important scheme for the making of a new road from Cottenham to Wilburton and the erection of a bridge over the Old West River near Twentypence Ferry will come before the County Council at their next meeting. They considered a petition from inhabitants in Horningsea and Waterbeach that the council should take over Clayhithe Bridge and abolish the tolls but are unable to recommend the purchase of the bridge at present. It was only 11 ft 6 inches wide and could not be widened without being rebuilt; it would only carry a vehicle of an axle load of eight tons and the approach roads were difficult.

1929 05 03 ES

Haddenham Mill End ratepayers request sewer; with regard to extension of water scheme – at Thetford have been considering scheme to get water from the river but Ministry would not sanction scheme. Was time something was done. Mr Kisby said he was frequently coming through Stretham where he saw boys, girls and women going about with pails carrying water from the pump. It was cruel to the women, the children and the housewife. At Wilburton every man had voted against the scheme – 29 05 03(2) ES

1929 08 30

Locust caught at Australia Farm, Wilburton, victim of Wicken Fen fire – 29 08 30 ES

1930 11 06

When the Bishop of Ely attended St Peter's church, Wilburton, to dedicate their new organ he indulged in some straight speaking. The organ was dedicated to their former Vicar, Henry Atkinson, killed while performing his duties, but in order to secure it the parish had neglected urgent repairs to the roof that was in a very serious condition and could not wait. They had also not subscribed to the diocesan fund and this was the reason why none of the surrounding clergy was present. 30 11 06c & d

1931 03 20

Three steam lorries, two with trailers, representing a weight of sixty tons were used to test the strength of the new bridge over the Old West River at Twentypence Ferry. There was a crowd of over a hundred interested spectators. Several motor coach companies are applying to run services over the new road between Cottenham and Wilburton, shortly to be opened to traffic, which will prove another link between the north and south of the county. 31 03 20d

1931 04 03

The first accident on the new Twentypence Road between Wilburton and Cottenham happened on Saturday. Mr Charles Lack and three passengers had been to view the new bridge and on the return journey failed to negotiate a severe bend with the result that his car skidded and finished in a ditch. No one was seriously injured. The car, an Austin 'six' was not badly damaged and with some difficulty was replaced on the road, Mr Lack being able to drive it home under its own power 31 04 03o

1931 07 24

Reliance Coach Services of Cottenham had three coaches and had contracted to purchase another vehicle for £1,500. They operated services from Cambridge to Cottenham and Willingham; their buses ran five minutes before Ortona's but usually they waited for the Ortona drivers to start up and then got away faster in their smaller vehicle. Now they planned a new service from Haddenham via the Twentypence Bridge 31 07 24b & c

1931 07 24 ES

Wilburton death G.T. Seppings – 31 07 24(5) ES

1932 08 12

Suicide Arthur Savidge, Twentypence Road, Wilburton – worried that father had lost farm – 32 08 12a

1934 01 15

Haddenham / Wilburton attempted murder – 34 01 15

1934 04 27

A smallholder from White Cross Road, Wilburton appeared in court for passing a traffic signal at red whilst driving a motor car in Bridge Street. He told the policeman he had never seen them before and don't know how they worked. Nobody had told him what they were for or anything about them. In Ely they had policemen and A.A. men on the corners. The magistrates fined him ten shillings saying it was distressing that a man should be on the public road driving a motor car and not know what traffic signals meant. 34 04 27

1935 05 24 ES

RDC discuss roads: Haddenham-Stretham road widening opposite Wilburton church 35 04 24 (2)

1936 01 03

Ely RDC has accepted tenders from Messrs Grensells of Kettering for wiring council houses in Ely Road and West End Sutton, Tower Road, Main Street and Cross Lane Downham, the Cambridge and Ely Roads in Stretham together with Hill Row, Hop Row and Station Road, Haddenham, Millfield Littleport and Haddenham Road at Wilburton. The Beds., Cambs. & Hunts Electricity Company will make a connection charge of £1 for each of the 94 houses– 36 01 03c

1936 02 06

Demolition of property on the top corner, Haddenham would improve visibility for traffic proceeding from Wilburton to Sutton but a more comprehensive improvement could be effected if the adjoining baker's shop in Hop Row could be acquired. Councillors recommended it be acquired and demolished and the existing kerb and footpath line be set back seven feet. At Littleport there would be a small piece of land to spare after improvement at the junction of High Street and Hempfield Road which could be used for the erection of a public convenience. But there will be no more traffic lights as these are an expensive luxury 36 02 06

1936 05 12

Andrew Norfolk, Wilburton fruit farmer bankrupt – 36 03 24a 36 05 12b

1936 05 13

Haddenham and Wilburton Nursing Association started in 1915, Nurse Lowe was appointed district nurse in 1917 and still held the position. Last year she made 3,851 nursing and casual visits with 31 maternity cases and 505 health and school inspection visits. She had treated six patients sent home from hospital, one of whom she attended daily for seven months. Nurse Lowe had not missed a day's work through illness or any other cause. Her salary and special fees came to £160 7s 5d with a £29 10s. allowance for a car and new tyres. The village Hospital Parade Committees might be approached for a donation. 36 05 13

1936 06 05

Wilburton is the centre of an extensive fruit-growing industry but has a shortage of working-class houses for those employed in agriculture. As owners of existing cottages maintain their property in a good state of repair there are no slum clearance areas and so no public grants are available towards the building of further much-needed houses, the Parish Council say 36 06 05

1936 06 29

Boy Scouts and Wolf Cubs gathered a thousand strong at Ely to take part in a huge county rally. Six hundred camped over the weekend in the delightful surroundings of the Cathedral Park. The numerous tents dotted here and there among the trees provided a pleasant spectacle. Saturday brought 120 wolf cubs from Cambridge who chose the novel method of travelling by river, starting from Victoria Bridge. Amongst troops present were Prickwillow, Pampisford, Wilburton and the Whittlesford Sea Scouts 36 06 29a

1936 09 04

Dispute over dyke in Grunty Fen at Whitecross Road, Wilburton – 36 09 04b

1936 12 04

Isle of Ely Highways Committee discussed various road improvements. There may be a bypass at Chatteris from Carters Bridge to link up with Warboys Road but this was a huge scheme. A bottleneck on the Lynn Road north of Ely was caused by a cottage standing close to the road: this could be demolished with a new home built further back. In Stretham the Cambridge Road between the new council houses should be widened with an island at the junction of Wilburton Road. They were faced with this monstrous expenditure because of the foolish position in which the houses had been built. 36 12 04 & a

1937 03 05

Wilburton vicarage under the hammer. Withdrawn at £400. Also Ely properties 37 03 05ES

1937 03 19 ES

Fenland threatened with wholesale flooding. Burst at Soham Lode. Photographs Great Ouse in flood near Ely High Bridge, building barricade, Ship Inn Brandon Creek, Prickwillow flooding, Upware lock pumping water into the Burwell Lode. Details include disaster averted at Prickwillow. Roads flooded in many parts, trains plough through water. Men become exhausted, Legionnaires stand by. Residents in fen areas warned. Orders issued by wireless. Ely and Littleport houses flooded. Crack in the cut which runs alongside the Ely to Littleport road. Banks undermined near Wilburton. Soham lode bursts its banks. Ugly scenes at Littleport. The position at Sutton. Flood questions in parliament 37 03 19(3) ES

1937 08 27 ES

Grunty fen fire

Death Georgiana Everitt of Millfield, Wilburton 37 08 27ES

1937 09 20

During a severe thunderstorm a ball of fire set alight two stacks at Mitchell Hill Farm, Twentypence Road, Cottenham. They were right in the middle of the farmyard but firemen stopped the flames spreading to the farmhouse and nearby wooden barns, using water from a pond. The lightning struck a wire clothes line strung between a corner of a barn and a tree then travelled back along an aerial wire to the barn and thence it fired the stacks. Stock, including a newly-born calf, was removed for safety. 37 09 20

1937 11 12 ES

Wilburton death of William Norfolk carver, respectable inhabitant, a large grower of geraniums 37 11 12(2)ES

1938 01 13

Wilburton new school needed due unsatisfactory condition of present one. There was no room for playground 38 01 13

1938 01 14

Theft hens from Bertie Hazel of Wilburton – 38 01 14

1938 01 25

Amos Newell, labourer of Hill Row, Haddenham told the court he'd left an overcoat in a living van along with an axe which George Fairchild, farmer, identified as his property. Arthur Gillett, farm labourer of Twentypence Road, Wilburton, said he'd been offered the axe for half-a-crown by an airman who said he'd found it. The man told magistrates he'd run away from RAF Cardington with only a shilling in his pocket and had lived on turnips and cabbages. He'd not have taken the items if he'd known they belonged to 'two old gents such as these' 38 01 25

1938 02 02

New school required at Wilburton and Sutton school enlarged – 38 02 02

1938 03 28

Thomas Gregg, a familiar face on the Market Hill, has retired after 30 years as a colporteur. He came to Cambridge in 1908 and has sold Bibles, Testaments and texts on his market stall near the fountain every Saturday since. It was often used as a meeting place for preachers and people from the villages. He also works as a lay preacher and travels round on his bicycle. "I have cycled to chapels as far away as Ely and once preached five sermons at Wilburton on one Sunday", he said 38 03 28a

1939 03 08

Wilburton sewage & evacuation scheme

1939 07 26

Vicar of Wilburton opposed the rating assessment of the new vicarage: the individual who assessed it took it for a rich eccentric's whim instead of a poor man's house. It was not only small but of a different class to the old vicarage which was a gentleman's residence. That had grounds but this had barely an acre which was to be reduced by widening the road. It was no more than a couple of council houses and too close to the cemetery. It had a flat roof because they could not afford to pay for a pitched one. He'd had nothing but trouble and if there was no reduction he would stop building. The appeal was refused. 39 07 26b

1950 11 03 ES

Ely R.D.C. have completed 337 dwellings, total still under construction is 54 including Saffron Close, Littleport and the Black Horse Drove estate. Four houses at Berrystead Lane Wilburton are expected to be completed within the month. A start had been made on the Pond Lane, Little Downham contract 50 11 03ES

1951 05 23 ES

Criticism of recently-opened Witchford Secondary Modern School – 'a tin school, and a poor one at that' ... caretaker making 59 separate fires; had cost £17,500 – a new school would have been £140,000. Was no prospect of new schools in Ely for another 20 years. Had pushed for new school at Wilburton 51 05 25(3)ES

1951 06 15 ES

Wilburton Baptist Church reopens after renovation ... recall 1908 centenary celebrations, 1929 opening of new schoolroom at rear and 1945 100th anniversary 51 06 15ES

1952 10 16

Wilburton parents signed a petition against proposals to convert the Manor of Wilburton into a residential school for educationally sub-normal children. The present village school was black-listed as far back as 1912 and condemned in 1937 so a new school was long overdue. Its position on the main street which carried an incessant stream of traffic constituted a daily danger to the children. The Manor standing at the end of a long drive was part of the heritage of the village and could be adapted to make an ideal and beautiful school for village children.

1953 02 21

Eleven members of a Wilburton family have a record of longevity that will take some beating. Four brothers and seven sisters, their combined ages add up to 872 years. In order of seniority they are: Mrs Elizabeth Moxon who is 86, Herbert Warren (Wilburton) 84, Edward Warren 83, Mrs Rebecca Everitt 82, Mrs Georgina Ashman 81, Alfred Ashman 79, Mrs Flora Wilds 78, Mrs Mary Clark 77, Arthur Herbert Warren 66, Miss Clara Warren 74 and Ethel, aged 72.

1958 03 17

A Hawker Hunter jet aircraft from RAF Waterbeach crashed into a ploughed field at Hinton Hall, Haddenham. It was seen to dive 'straight into the ground' and an explosion followed the impact. The pilot baled out and landed at the back of some Council houses at Wilburton, 800 yards away 58 03 17

1958 05 22

Since May 15th ten outbreaks of fowl pest have been confirmed within a radius of eight miles of Ely in the parishes of Little Thetford, Wilburton, Coveney, Witchford and Manea. An order under the Fowl Pest Restrictions now comes into force and poultry may not be moved except under licence. The holding of poultry store markets is also prohibited. 58 05 22b

1960 06 02

William Everitt of Wilburton is 101 years old but longevity does not prevent him from being active. He is often seen working in his garden. Wilburton born and bred, he spent 11 years of his youth away from the village as a groom and valet in service at several large houses in different countries before returning to take up fruit-growing and farming and still rents two small-holdings. He became one of the first members of the Parish Council in 1894 and for 10 years was chairman. His wife, incidentally is aged 90. 60 06 02

1962 06 20

Eleanor Summerfield, the actress who stars in the film 'Petticoat Pirates' with Charlie Drake, and her husband Leonard Sachs, well-known as the chairman of the BBC tv 'Good Old Days' have bought a weekend cottage at Wilburton. Most Fridays they motor down from London with their two sons and at the moment they are attacking the garden. The cottage was advertised as having a river running by the garden and is in an isolated position. Mrs Sachs always thought she disliked flat country but as begun to appreciate the magic of the fens and the wonderful expanse of sky. The people are 'so gentle, kind and good natured' 62 06 20

1964 01 30

Once a day, at 1.15 pm, a little diesel train leaves Ely station, goes eight miles and arrives at Sutton. Then at 3.20 pm it turns round and goes back again. Hauling three goods wagons, it stops first at Little Thetford where the driver and fireman nip down smartly from the cab, open and close the gates, and continue the trip. It carries mainly fuel, with possible stops at Stretham, Wilburton and Haddenham stations. Thirty years this little-known line carried a passenger service. It was constructed under the Grunty Fen Railway Act of 1864 and the Friends of Haddenham hope to run a centenary passenger special. 64 01 30b

1964 05 01

Wilburton village photo feature – 64 05 01c

1964 05 16

Wilburton Best Kept Village sign unveiled – 64 05 16

1964 06 23

Wilburton church renovation appeal – 64 06 23a

1965 02 12

Sulman sisters refused permission for Orchard bungalow

1965 05 20

Appeal for development in School Lane CNC

1965 07 26

Baptist Church Sale of Work

1965 09 01

W. Lundberg refused permission for bungalow in Millfield Lane

1965 09 09

W Knight appeal against refusal to allow development in School Lane dismissed CNC
One Tender accepted for flats & garages to be built in Berristead Close

1965 10 05

Wins Isle of Ely Best Kept Village competition.

1965 11 11

Complaint alleging nuisance from Mink farm not substantiated.

1966 03 11

Best Kept Village award day postponed

1966 04 29

The seemingly unchanging face of Wilburton, seen in October 1965 when the village scored 88 points out of 100 to win the Best Kept Village Competition. But they had to wait for their prize as the unveiling ceremony was delayed for a month because of the General Election and it was April 1966 before the sign was unveiled at the entrance to Carpond Lane. Wilburton were used to winning for in the previous five years they had won three times. For their first success in 1961 they received £15 with which the parish council bought an electric clock for the parish hall

1966 06 16

To play hosts to the 6th-7th Battalion of the Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) band on Sunday

1966 07 01

Railway station up for sale. pic

1966 08 01

Fete aid Baptist Church dry rot

1967 03 07

Church bells to ring again on Sunday.

1967 04 14

Wilburton instrument maker appeals against refusal plans Station Road CNC

1967 08 14

Feast organisers call meeting to discuss Vicars criticisms of Peas.

1967 08 17

Feast 'Farce' charge by vicar 'regretted'

1967 09 16

Rev D Webb received £240 in church porch collection

1967 03 13

E.J. Pinion to appeal against refusal to build bungalow at Station

1967 04 14

E.J. Pinion Planning Inquiry

1968 05 10

Shake-up in village: need repair bad roads CNC

1968 05 18

Twentypence Road junction appeal over accidents CNC

1968 07 13

Parish Council told they should not be dictated to by parish meeting. 13-7-68. 10e.

1968 07 13

"Plan to sell allotments to tenants & use money to repay loans to the parish. 13-7-68. 10f

1968 08 03

Parish Council describe entry in Best Kept Village comp as disappointing & disgusting. 3-8-68. fuller 10d.

1968 08 03

Parish meeting to be held for villagers' approval of loan to buy heating equipment for parish hall. 3-8-68. 10d.

1968 08 03

Farmer protests against playing field fence being pulled down. 3-8-68. 10d.

1968 08 05

Gift-day for roof restoration fund on Sept 19. 5-8-68. 10d.

1968 08 21

Parish Meeting called. - heater for St Peters Hall 21-8-68. 12.c.

1968 08 24

Vicar criticises Parish Council for not taking Parish meeting advice over; heating. 24-8-68. 10e. II.

1968 07 24

Allotments sale would bring rates relief. 24-7-68. 10e

1968 08 03

One-way system ordered for road described as death trap. 3-8-68.

1968 08 06

Cambs & Isle CC refuse request for reflecting warning boards at High Street-Twentypence Road junction. 6-8-68. 10f. .

1968 09 21

Vicar collected £140 from parishioners on gift day

1968 10

Parish Council to continue fight against siting of three houses for teachers Manor School.

1968 10 03

Parish Council decide to ...minor repairs to St Peters Hall 3-10-68.

1968 10 04

Parish Church Roof Repairs 4-10-68. 24.d.

1968 10 05

St Peters Hall given annual clean-up. 5-10-60. 11 c.

1968 10 03

Parish Council not to re-roof Hall. 3-10-68. 10a.

1968 12 07

County Council to be asked if warning boards can be placed an dangerous road through & Grunty Fen. CNC

Call for more police radar checks to stop speeding through village,

1968 12 07

St Peter's Hall roof repairs will cost about 554. 7-12-68. 10f..

1969 02 07

Parish Council meeting called off 7-2-69. 22e.

1969 02 15

Name does not appear on road signs at Haddenham or Stretham Road layout
15-2-69. 10d

1969 02 15

Parish Council need extra £25 to cover next year's financial expenses. 15-2-69. 10e. E.

1969 02 17

Annual parish meeting on Mar 31 17-2-69. 10d. E.

1969 02 17

Ask to share Stretham roadman CNC

1969 02 20

Sports Association - Successful year 20-2-69. 12,f. E.

1969 03 26

St Peter's Hall: Mrs & Mrs P Cockerton appointedt caretakers. 26-3-69. 14e.l

1969 04 01

Vicar asks parish meeting to decide future of church clock. 1-4-69. E

1969 04

Church clock not to be repainted

1969 04 05

Cars parked in lane near school with no kerb a danger to schoolchildren 5-4-63. 15f.

1969 04 12

Applying for more radar traps. 12-4-69. Ef.

1969 05 24

Parish Council – Jim Hudson, (Chairman), V. Barren (vice) 24-5-69. 9.b.

1969 04 24

Vicar to meet Church Council 24-4-69. Ef.

1969 04 26

Wilburton win fight for better road services – roadman to come fortnightly CNC

1969 05 24

Radar traps made a difference for a few days. CNC

1969 05 26

Church clock - Cllr J Hudson criticises attitude to Gls decision in village. 26-5-69. Ea.

1969 05 26

Cl to obtain estimate for repairing part of cemetery wall. 26-5-69.Eb

1969 06 26

Feast Day on Sunday 26-6-69. E.f.

1969 07

Parish Council & Vicar to meet for talks on repainting church clock etc. 07-69. Ef.

1969 ... 05

Parish Council inviting tenders from three local firms for makng cemetery wall safer. 5-^69. EC.

1969 07 05

Parish Council feel Recreation Ground rent rise is too high. 5-7-69• EC.

1969 07 05

Committee appointed to raise funds to repaint & re-gild the clock.5-7-69*

1969 07 05

Village hall may have meter installed so users can pay for own heating 5-7-69. Ed.

1969 06 30

Feast Day raised about £40. 30-6-69. Ed.

1969 07 23

Church clock committee of trustees hold first meeting. 23-7-69. Ef

1969 07 26

Church to hold gift day & music evening instead of fete this year. 26-7-69. EC.

1969 08 02

Parish Council to employ estate agent to settle playing field rent dispute. 2-8-69. E'e.

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1969 08 02

Councillors to meet Eastern Electricity rep over meter for village hall. 2-8-69.Ef.I

1969 ... 06

Parish Council waiting to hear how negotiations on playing field rent are going. 6- '-69. EC.

1969 09 06

Village hall heating slot-meters plan dropped. 6-9-69. na.

1969 11 08

Unable to find out who owns church clock. 8-11-69. Ea.

1969 11 10 J

Parish Council want parking space on Ear Pond Lane. 10-11-69. Sf.

1970 01 03

Car Pond Land to be widen. CNC

1970 02 20

Feast Sunday may include open air service. 20-2-70. 3d.

1970 03 07

Struggle for Car Park CNC

1970 04 11

Old people's bungalows may be built. CNC

1970 04 22

Clarks Lane 30 mph signs a waste of money CNC

1970 05 07

Wilburton ...

1970 .. 23

Pillage Hall Dry Rot probe 23-^70. E.d.

1970 05 23

Jim Hudson Parish Council chairman - Vic Barren vice Chair 23-5-70. E.f.

1970 06 18

Ho decision to Car Pond Lane car park 18.6.70. E.c.

1970 06 30

Annual dancing competition to be restricted 30.6.70

1970 06 30

Two bands will play at annual feast parade 30.6.70

1970 07 07

Little Fields Close - new name for estate off Broad Way

1970 07 06

Councillor Ron Boasloy retiring as clerk 6.7.70. 11. a.

1970 07 30

2nd. in Best Kept Village Competition 30.7.70. K.f.

1970 09 12

Village Hall facelift plan. 12.9.70. £ 10. f.

1970 09 16

Only just pipped in Best Kept Village Competition. 16-9-70. I8.c.

1970 10 22

Land near Car Pond Lane may be used for old folks' home 22.10.70,

1970 11 07

Coun complains village is 'poor relation' 7-11 .70. E.e.

1970 11 09

Bingo sessions may be held in Church Hall 9.11.70. K.f.

1970 11 09

Clubs to be questioned on ... Church Hall 9.11.70.

1971 01 09

St Peter's Hall window repaint tender 9-rl -71-

1971 02 19

Councillors to ask owner of land needed for old folks' homes 'to play ball' 19.2.71. 26.f.

1971 03 20

Becoming 'village of the old' - vicar 20-3-71* 10.a.

1971 03 20

How to make Wilburton Best Kept Village winner 20-3-71. 11. A

1971 03 22

Parish Coun.to look into false ceiling for St. Peter's Hall. 22.3.71. 9a.

1971 03 25

Villagers hit back at vicars comments on Number of village old people 25.3.71. 14bX

1971 03 29

Parish Council to produce own village plan. 29.3.71. 10eX.

1971 03 31

Vicar says in magazine that church in 'serious financial difficulties'

1971 04 01

Vicar raps planners over 'hideous' houses, Wilburton Manor School CNC

1971 04 02

After a lifetime of teaching, the last 21 years as headmaster of Wilburton primary school, Mr Albert Gothard retires, aged 63. He has always concentrated on teaching children the basic skills before setting them free to discover things for themselves. "Young children like an atmosphere of discipline and showing off what they can do. Above all I think they like personal contact with the teacher", Mr Gothard said. This school interested him particularly because it was changing with the village with new families moving in. The children of these families often knew less than the village children, while being generally more intelligent. Wilburton was a village of honest, hard working people, who provided a good background for their children.

1971 06 17

Council housing committee. Are planning to build warden supervised old peoples bungalows? Off Car Pond Lane at Wilburton. But they need to move an electricity substation. CNC

1974 01 12

The economic crisis has forced a Haddenham baker to cut his van deliveries by half, leaving an estimated 600 customers in Cottenham, Haddenham and Wilburton to find alternative suppliers of their daily bread. Mr John Wright said that he was pulling three of his five vans off the road permanently. The national association of master bakers said the profit margin per loaf was too small to make van deliveries economically viable. Barker's bakery, Betabake and the Co-operative Society all have shops in Cottenham

1974 09 25

Wine from an Isle of Ely vineyard at Wilburton may be on sale for the first time in the spring. Harvesting will go ahead in four weeks time. "The crop is ripening up very well at present", said Mr Norman Sneesby, who works the vineyard with his family. It is planned to sell the wine under the name of St Etheldreda. She was founder of the monastery church at Ely whose monks produced wine in medieval times. The grapes 80% Muller-Thurgau, a cross between Riesling and Sylvaner were sent to the Merrydown wine company who turned them into St Etheldreda wine.

1976 04 15

The Twentypence Inn, Wilburton, claims to provide reasonably priced meals. The Sunday lunch menu offered a wide choice for £2 a head. It included prawn and peach cocktail, oxtail soup and ravioli for starters; and turkey and ham salad, roast duckling, roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, trout and lemon sole as the main course. This was followed by fruit salads from the fruit trolley. A carafe of red wine was £1.35

1976 09 29

Wine production in the region will be more than doubled this year as vineyards reach maturity. But prospects of a vintage year have been shattered by the recent warm damp weather which has proved an ideal climate for diseases. At Linton Mr Sam Alper of Chilford Hall said they were now pressing the grapes. Mr G. Reece of Gamlingay Vineyard is finding the disease troubles "a bit of a nuisance". Mr Norman Sneesby thinks his vines at Wilburton will bring a yield of ten tons while Mr Ron Jeffries of Saffron Walden who started Wenden Vineyard four years ago hopes to improve on last years 1,000 bottles from his one acre site.

1979 09 26

Haddenham Rd: N Eshelby to appeal against refusal for house.

1979 10 17

Parish Church: Bill & Ida Gothard collected waste paper to decorate of church.

1980 03 13

Haddenham -Rd: N Eshelby appeal refused.

1980 03 27

Twentypence Road: S. Chalmers permission to build two houses - complaints of Turkey Farm smells.

1980 04 02

Heavenly Valley Turkey Farm: no foul smells verdict after Cllr Warren visit.

1980 07 01

Twentypence Road Nurseries application for garden centre.

1980 07 02

S.A.H. Chambers application to extend turkey farm.

1980 07 10

Twentypence Marina expansion plan refused.

1980 08 01

S. Chalmers' application to extend turkey farm approved.

1980 08 01

Glen Nurseries, planning permission for garden centre.

1980 08 12

Glen Nurseries make second attempt to gain permission for garden centre

1980 10 02

Marina: moorings not to be increased

1980 10 23

Pupils at Manor School, Wilburton, undertook conservation work in the woodland surrounding their buildings. The group, led by teacher Dave Wilkinson, built an access ramp to a pond, felled trees

and cleared scrubland in the school's seven-and-a-half acre grounds. Mr Wilkinson said: "Areas of the grounds had become neglected and overgrown & needed to be cleared before we could use them for project work with the children. Everyone worked extremely hard. I must thank the Ely Conservation Group; without their help I don't think the work would have got under way". Their work won praise from Conservationists

1981 07 16

Back Lake: M.B. Cadnum to appeal against house refusal.

1981 07 16

Village 50 years ago & today

1981 09 10

Twentypence Road Marina go ahead for more moorings.

1981 10 22

Cadman appeal for house rejected. .

1982 03 26

Station Rd. C Book fined £2,000 fine using land for store

1982 06 24

Just after the end of the war, newly-married Lillian Cornwell and her husband took over Wilburton's post office and grocery store in the village's High Street. She is helped by her son Simon – now the village postman – and Anita Woods, and she enjoys every minute of her long working day. "So much has changed since I started. For one thing the fact that we are a post office as well as selling groceries has kept us going – the growth of supermarkets would have seen us off, I'm sure", she said. "Now it's just a matter of having grown up with all the people in the village and we are all friends. People come in all the time just for a chat. Wilburton is a wonderful village with a wonderful crowd of people". One person who agrees with that is Mrs Beryl Cornwell (no relation). "Her friendly, personal nature in running the store puts supermarkets to shame. She is always at the counter with a smile and always a good listener to customer's problems. To me and many others in the village, I'm sure she would be proud to know she is like our Meg of Crossroads!

1982 10 04

More than 70 members of the Gorsuch family travelled to Wilburton to trace their routes. They were particularly interested in Dr John Gorsuch who died in mysterious circumstances and was buried in the village. He was Rector of Walkern, near Stevenage, but was a Royalist and fled at the outbreak of the Civil War. Nobody knows how he got to Wilburton where he was suffocated to death in a haystack in 1648 82 10 04

1983 03 01

R.E. Gilbert to appeal for house next to Grange.

1983 05 25

East Cambs planning chief slammed the 'hysterical local opposition' each time they put forward plans for a permanent gypsy site. Already Wilburton, Mepal and Little Thetford are no go areas because of the local opposition. It means the job of solving the problem becomes progressively more difficult. The only alternative was to abandon the whole thing. Councillors agreed no action would be taken to prosecute longstanding residents on unauthorised sites until more suitable alternative plots were available 83 05 25 p7

1983 06 04

The Lodge - Homemaker. 4-6-83-, 12/13.

1983 09 22

Village hall facelift - E Cambs DC grant.

1985 05 29

Twentypence Marina on market

1986 02 07

St Peters Hall: Theatre Group given grant by E Cambs DC.

1986 11 14

From his manor house at The Berristead, Wilburton Sir David Hughes runs one of Cambridgeshire's most unusual businesses. It specialises in the production of brass and bronze figures, principally for use as car mascots. Most are exported to the United States. Now a former fruit store near the village church has been reconditioned for use as a foundry and workshop to help increase production. 86 11 14

1987 01 23

Pavilion for recreation ground plan.

1987 02 16

Station yard - transport depot plan.

1987 04 07

Whitecross Rd house plan to appeal.

1989 01 07

Hinton Way homes plan to appeal.

1987 07 20

White Cross Rd site for mini-skip business.

1987 10 16

The Walnuts: application for pottery workshop etc.

1987 10 16

Not even Best-Kept Villages can always be immaculate; during the gale of 16th October 1987, which caused devastation to trees throughout the area, the weathervane on the top of Wilburton church was sent leaning at a crazy angle

1987 10 28

Consortium Development, the largest housing construction group in the country, announced plans for a new town in the fens. The proposals were unveiled minutes before the Government inquiry into the Structure Plan entered its final phases of dealing with proposed new townships. The combined finances of the consortium, which includes Barratt, Wimpey and Laing, ensures it has the strength to go ahead with the development of homes for nearly 8,000 people between Wilburton and Stretham. But three-quarters of local villagers are completely opposed and will do all they can to stop it. 87 10 28

1987 12 23

The Chairman of East Cambridgeshire District Council has hit back at opponents of its bid to establish a new town in the Wilburton area. A major row has blown up after Wilburton Parish Council said it had lost all confidence in their integrity. The villagers fear a town half the size of Ely would swamp the existing community. But the District Council welcomes the development. It is one of about 20 sites and if the Inspector rejects it, one of the others would be chosen, he says 87 12 23

1988 04 05

Wilburton villagers have launched a campaign to stop a new town being built on their doorsteps. The Parish Council has been involved in a major row with ECDC over their handling of the issue but are fighting against enormous odds. "We are a small community threatened with destruction. Our

village life, our environment, is about to be swallowed up in a large development", they claim. Now they have won support from MP, Malcolm Moss, who has sent a letter condemning the proposal to the Environment Minister. 88 04 05

1988 05 06

Alternative Cup Final planned 15 May.

1988 05 18

Alternative Cup Final raised £500 for Manor School.

1988 05 ..

Dr Hurley Farmer puppy breeding centre plan see Animals Experiments

1988 08 ...

High St garage may be knocked down to make way for houses. Correction 88 08 12

1988 08 15

Art display in church

1989 03 21

The Government has approved the County structure plan saying yes to plans for a village of 1,500 homes on the A10 north of Cambridge but no to a new village west or east of the city on the A45. A public inquiry will be held to decide which side it should be built. Around 800 homes have been shifted into Fenland and draft plans to build a further 63,000 homes have been rubber-stamped. However villagers at Stretham and Wilburton will continue to fight proposals for 'Westmere' 89 03 21, 22a

1989 05 17

Tom Ryan has just been summoned to 10 Downing Street from his workshop in the old school building at Wilburton. An outstanding craftsman, he has been asked to quote a price for gilding a set of valuable Hepplewhite chairs in the Blue Room. Not long ago Tom completed another commission in the Prime Minister's home. Occasionally older villagers pop into Tom's workshop to remember having lessons in the former schoolroom where he practices his craft which includes lacquer and japanning work. 89 05 17a

1989 11 02

A railway station proposed for the planned new town of Waterfenton, near Chittering, would be a 'tremendous plus', while a dual carriageway will link it with the main A10, developers claim. It will comprise 1,500 homes (capable of expansion to 3,000) with a mix of rented and owner-occupied properties and will rely on Cambridge for central services. This is one of three rival schemes being considered at an enquiry along with another near Denney Abbey and 'Westmere' between Stretham and Wilburton. 89 11 02

1991 04 18

Like many communities Wilburton struggles to maintain the fabric of its church. A £100,000 appeal is to be launched to save Wilburton's crumbling church. Seven-hundred-year-old St Peter's is in need of urgent structural repairs and renovations to windows and stonework. The appeal will be launched with an exhibition of village history and a display of the repairs which must be done. Members of the appeal committee were pictured in the church. Left to right, standing: Enid Freeman, Andrew Fogg, Philip Warren, Pauline Furness, Angela Yate and David Hughes. Seated are Susan Everitt and the Vicar, the Rev. Michael Wadsworth

1991 11

Plans to extend nursing home approved

1991

£100,000 appeal to save church.

1992 04 08

Mobile home appeal

1992 04 08

Industrial building turned down

1992 04 10

Postman Pat at opening of village Post Office & Stores

1992 04 16

Post Office advertising feature

1992 05 06

Church thanksgiving service for response to appeal.

1993 05 11

Five new cottages provided by The Cambridgeshire Cottage Housing Society at Wilburton were officially opened by 89-year-old Beauchamp Pell, after who the development has been named. Mr Pell, who was a solicitor in his early years moved to the village in 1917 and sold agricultural land to enable the low-cost rented housing to be built for local people. Known as Pell Cottages, they were granted special planning permission by East Cambridgeshire District Council. With some funding from The Housing Corporation the society hopes to provide more accommodation for people with housing needs. Mr Pell said: "I am proud that the cottages have been named after me. It is good to help people and be in a position to put something back into the village" CNC

1993 10 19

Appeal re removal of mobile home

1994 11

Twentypence Garden Centre car park plan rejected.

1995 07 08

Redlands - Weekend Homemaker

1995 12 14

York Construction -fate of storage yard

1996 02 15

York Construction gets approval

1996 06 18

Feast Day & fete.

1996 07 01

Feast day

1996 12 12

Panto

1997 01 27

77 Committee hand out cash

1997 03 27

Parish Council awarded grant from East Cambs D.C.

1997 06 02

West End plans for six houses

1997 06

Church appeal for new organist - Malcolm & Janice Saxton

1997 06 26

Parish Church teddy bear's picnic

2005 02 24

Ken Fox applied for land in White Cross Road as showman's yard CNC

2005 02 24

Hereward Housing plan three-bedroomed houses, Stretham Road CNC